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Cong. Waxman Saluted On Mideast Health Study

Congressman Henry A. Waxman (Calif.) was recently presented a plate commemorating a collaborative project on vector-borne diseases involving U.S., Egyptian, and Israeli scientists. Mr. Waxman met with Dr. Sanford Kuvin, founder and chairman of the International Board of the Kuvin Center for the Study of Infectious and Tropical Diseases at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel; Drs. Rachel Galun, also of Hebrew University; and Sherif El Said of Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt. (See picture.)



A commemorative plate is displayed by Congressman Henry A. Waxman (Calif.) (second from l) for his continuing support of the USAID's Middle East Regional Cooperative Program legislatively initiated by him in 1978, and under which the NIAID project is funded. Standing with Cong. Waxman are (l to r): Drs. Sanford Kuvin, Rachel Galun and Sherif El Said.

Drs. Galun and El Said are the principal investigators on contracts awarded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to study the epidemiology and control of Malaria, Rift Valley fever, filariasis, leishmaniasis, and rickettsial diseases in Egypt and in Israel. This 5-year, \$7.1 million dollar trilateral project is managed by NIAID and funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The scientists and Congressman Waxman later testified before a specially convened May 6

hearing of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee for Europe and the Middle East. The scientists presented a status report of their coordinated research studies and were joined by Mr. Waxman in urging support for the future funding necessary to continue this important project. □

Reflect on your blessings, of which all men have many; not on your past misfortunes of which all men have some.—Charles Dickens